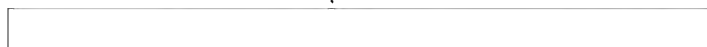




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1. Soviet Union -
Middle East

[REDACTED] Moscow is
"annoyed" at the sinking of the Israeli
destroyer and the refinery shelling.

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Renewal of fighting on any scale
would delay withdrawal of Israeli troops,
one of Moscow's main goals since the end
of the six-day war. The Soviets are also
anxious to have the Suez Canal reopened.

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Egyptian newspapers are claiming
that three Soviet naval vessels will ar-
rive in Port Said today.

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2. United Kingdom -
Egypt

The two countries have agreed to restore full diplomatic relations some time during the first half of December.

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3. South Vietnam

President-elect Thieu will finally announce Nguyen Van Loc as prime minister at the inaugural ceremonies on 31 October. Loc is Ky's candidate for the post.

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4. South Korea

An angry President Pak, fed up with opposition stalling, has publicly slammed the door on further government concessions to end the opposition's five-month-old boycott of the legislature. The squabble is now likely to heat up, with opposition hard-liners calling for street demonstrations.

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5. Indonesia

Djakarta is suspending diplomatic relations with Peking. This stops just short of a formal break, but involves closing the Indonesian Embassy in Peking. Chinese diplomats in Indonesia have been told to pack up and get out by next Monday.

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6. Ecuador

Extremists are planning to rally in Quito this evening to protest the death of "Che" Guevara. The US and Bolivian embassies are targets and some incidents are likely.

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7. Peru

President Belaunde has his back to the wall as strikes over high living costs edge closer to widescale violence. Military leaders, still the final political arbiters in Peru, are predicting a military takeover unless present trends are quickly reversed.

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[REDACTED] a military regime would most likely shift the country's international orientation away from the US and toward Western Europe, particularly France. The French have, in fact, been increasing their influence among Peruvian officers, partly because of the recent sale of Mirage fighter-bombers.

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